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FOR DAILY MEDIA BRIEFING (10:30 a.m.): September 26, 2001

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NE-TF1 In New York City

C CURRENT SITUATION

The task force has been divided into two rapid response groups. Rapid Response Team 1, led by Task Force Leader, Dean Staberg, has been stationed approximately one hour from the Javits Center at one of New York City Fire Stations. Rapid Response Team 2, led by Task Force Leader, Dan Wright, was stationed at the Javits Center and they have set up the Base of Operations (BOO).

C CRITICAL ISSUE

None

C ACCOMPLISHMENTS

About 20 members worked throughout the night of the 25th to continue to establish the Base of Operations and to prepare for the next 72 hours as a Rapid Recovery Response Team. At 5:30 a.m., task force command and staff attended the initial briefing and prepared to split the team to their response locations. At approximately 7:30 a.m., on September 25th, NE-TF1 met with California Task Force 3 stationed out of Menlow Park and reviewed all equipment used on the rapid response teams. Following the initial briefings on the 25th, NE-TF1 at the Javits Center, was assigned permanent sleeping quarters and the team established and transferred personal gear to that location.

C RESOURCES ASSIGNED

The entire team is currently supporting the New York City Fire Department as Rapid Response Teams.

C PLANNED ACTIVITIES (next 24 - 72 hours)

Today NE-TF1 Rescue Response Team 2 will be preparing for their assigned duties.

C ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

NE-TF1 would like to let everyone know that they are anxiously awaiting to assist and to be transferred from the rapid response program and to move into the rescue recovery mode working the World Trade Center site. All personnel are doing well.

A Red Cross Kitchen has been established outside the Javits Center and it has been attended and assisted by celebrities from the New York area. Celebrities such as: Loretta Swit, Mash; Debra Winger, Terms of Endearment; David Letterman and Oprah. The celebrities have toured the Javits Center and visited with many task forces.